

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 JIDDA 00761 300600Z

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 OMB-01 FEA-01 OES-06 ACDA-07 NASA-01 ERDA-05

NRC-05 IO-13 /107 W

-----300605Z 114776 /10

R 300510Z JAN 77

FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7059

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY SANA

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 0761

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SA, FR

SUBJECT: FRENCH PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: (A) JIDDA 0687 (B) PARIS 2499

SUMMARY: FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR DESCRIBES GISCARD VISIT
AS BEING LONG ON FORM AND SHORT ON SUBSTANCE BUT SAID IT CON-
SIDERED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS BY FRENCH. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR FOUGEROUSE TELLS US THAT THE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 JIDDA 00761 300600Z

FRENCH SIDE WAS GREATLY PLEASED WITH THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT
GISCARD D'ESTAING TO SAUDI ARABIA. THEY REGARD THE SUCCESS
AS DERIVING FROM TWO FACTORS. FIRST THE TREMENDOUS HONOR
BESTOWED ON GISCARD IN THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT. THIS BEGAN
WITH THE KING'S HOBBLING TO THE AIRPORT IN OBVIOUS PAIN TO
GREET THE PRESIDENT AND CONTINUED WITH SIMILAR MARKS OF ESTEEM
AND HIGH REGARD THROUGHOUT THE VISIT. SECONDLY THE VISIT

PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS; THE DETAILED TALKS PERMITTED DEFINING AND LIMITING POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT WHERE THEY COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED. THE MIDDLE EAST SECTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE ILLUSTRATED AN AREA WHERE COMPLETE AGREEMENT WAS NOT POSSIBLE DESPITE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO COME UP WITH COMMON LANGUAGE. THIS FAILURE DID NOT AFFECT THE TONE OF THE VISIT, HOWEVER, AND BOTH SIDES WERE CONTENT TO SPELL OUT THEIR OWN VIEWS.

3. FOUGEROUSE SAID THAT THERE WAS NEVER ANY INTENTION OF SIGNING "COMMERCIAL-TYPE" AGREEMENTS DURING THE VISIT. THIS WOULD HAVE DEMEANED THE PRESIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE VISIT. MOREOVER, THIS KIND OF THING COULD BE BETTER DONE IN FOLLOW-UP VISITS BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS. THE OIL PURCHASE AGREEMENT WHICH RECEIVED SUCH PUBLICITY WAS IN FACT TOTALLY INDEPENDENT OF GISCARD'S VISIT. IT WAS NO MORE THAN RENEWAL AND EXPANSION OF A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WHICH HAD EXPIRED ON JANUARY 1.

4. COMMENT: THE FRENCH HERE SEEM HAPPY ABOUT THE WAY THE VISIT WENT OFF. IT IS NOT CLEAR YET THAT THE VISIT WAS MORE THAN POMP AND CEREMONY SIGNIFYING LITTLE.
PORTER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CHIEF OF STATE VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 30-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977JIDDA00761
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770033-0367
Format: TEL
From: JIDDA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t1977014/aaaaadnk.tel
Line Count: 85
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: dd6447d5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 JIDDA 687, 77 PARIS 2499
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3567853
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FRENCH PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA
TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, SA, FR, (GISCARD D'ESTAING, VALERY)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/dd6447d5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009